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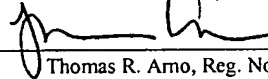
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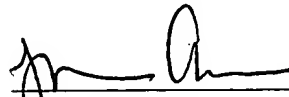
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with eleven (11) references.
- (X) A copy of International Search Report.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.



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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing eleven references that are also enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, and presumably no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). If a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the mailing date of this Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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	1	2,333,033	10/26/43	Mraz			
	2	5,180,380	01/19/93	Pursley et al.			
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	7	6,328,738 B1	12/11/01	Suddaby			
	8	6,402,756 B1	06/11/02	Ralph et al.			
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	10	6,533,786 B1	03/18/03	Needham et al.			
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